

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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:  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

- v. -

JAMES ZHONG,

Defendant.  
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DECLARATION OF PUBLICATION

22 Cr. 606 (PGG)

I, David R. Felton, pursuant to Title 28, United States Code, Section 1746, hereby declare under penalty of perjury that:

1. I am an Assistant United States Attorney in the office of the United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, and

2. Attached to this declaration are (A) a true and correct copy of a notice of criminal forfeiture in this action, and (B) a true and correct copy of an Advertisement Certification Report, indicating that the aforementioned notice was posted on an official government internet site ([www.forfeiture.gov](http://www.forfeiture.gov)) for at least 30 consecutive days, beginning on January 4, 2023 through February 2, 2023, as required by Rule G(4)(a)(iv)(C) of the Supplemental Rules for Admiralty or Maritime Claims and Asset Forfeiture Actions.

Both documents were obtained from a Consolidated Asset Tracking System maintained by the Department of Justice.

Dated: New York, New York  
March 6, 2023

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/s/  
David R. Felton  
Assistant United States Attorney

Attachment 1

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK  
COURT CASE NUMBER: 22 CR. 606 (PGG); NOTICE OF FORFEITURE**

Notice is hereby given that on November 04, 2022, in the case of U.S. v. James Zhong, Court Case Number 22 CR. 606 (PGG), the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York entered an Order condemning and forfeiting the following property to the United States of America:

11.1160005300044 BTC seized from Defendants residence in the Northern District of Georgia, on or about November 9, 2021. (23-IRS-000066)

\$661,900 in United States currency seized from Defendants residence in the Northern District of Georgia, on or about November 9, 2021. (23-IRS-000067)

25 Casascius coins (physical bitcoin) with an approximate value of 174 BTC, seized from Defendants residence in the Northern District of Georgia, on or about November 9, 2021. (23-IRS-000068)

Various Metal Items, consisting of four one-ounce silver-colored bars, three one ounce gold-colored bars, four 10-ounce silver-colored bars, and one gold-colored coin. (23-IRS-000069)

23.7112850 BTC seized from the Defendant on or about April 27, 2022 in the Southern District of New York. (23-IRS-000070)

115.02532155 BTC seized from the Defendant on or about April 28, 2022 in the Southern District of New York. (23-IRS-000071)

4.57427222 BTC seized from the Defendant on or about June 8, 2022 in the Southern District of New York. (23-IRS-000072)

The Defendant's 80% interest in RE&D Investments, LLC, EIN: 84-1727241 (23-IRS-000073)

The United States hereby gives notice of its intent to dispose of the forfeited property in such manner as the United States Attorney General may direct. Any person, other than the defendant(s) in this case, claiming interest in the forfeited property must file an ancillary petition within 60 days of the first date of publication (January 04, 2023) of this Notice on this official government internet web site, pursuant to Rule 32.2 of the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure and 21 U.S.C. § 853(n)(1). The ancillary petition must be filed with the Clerk of the Court, United States District Court, 500 Pearl Street, Room 120, New York, NY 10007, and a copy served upon Assistant United States Attorney David Felton, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, NY 10007. The ancillary petition shall be

signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury and shall set forth the nature and extent of the petitioner's right, title or interest in the forfeited property, the time and circumstances of the petitioner's acquisition of the right, title and interest in the forfeited property and any additional facts supporting the petitioner's claim and the relief sought, pursuant to 21 U.S.C. § 853(n).

Following the Court's disposition of all ancillary petitions filed, or if no such petitions are filed, following the expiration of the period specified above for the filing of such ancillary petitions, the United States shall have clear title to the property and may warrant good title to any subsequent purchaser or transferee.

The government may also consider granting petitions for remission or mitigation, which pardon all or part of the property from the forfeiture. A petition must include a description of your interest in the property supported by documentation; include any facts you believe justify the return of the property; and be signed under oath, subject to the penalty of perjury, or meet the requirements of an unsworn statement under penalty of perjury. See 28 U.S.C. Section 1746. For the regulations pertaining to remission or mitigation of the forfeiture, see 28 C.F.R. Sections 9.1 - 9.9. The criteria for remission of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(a). The criteria for mitigation of the forfeiture are found at 28 C.F.R. Section 9.5(b). The petition for remission need not be made in any particular form and may be filed online or in writing. You should file a petition for remission not later than 11:59 PM EST 30 days after the date of final publication of this notice. See 28 C.F.R. Section 9.3(a). The <https://www.forfeiture.gov/FilingPetition.htm> website provides access to a standard petition for remission form that may be mailed and the link to file a petition for remission online. If you cannot find the desired assets online, you must file your petition for remission in writing by sending it to Assistant United States Attorney David Felton, One St. Andrew's Plaza, New York, NY 10007. This website provides answers to frequently asked questions (FAQs) about filing a petition for remission. You may file both an ancillary petition with the court and a petition for remission or mitigation.



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5	01/08/2023	23.9	Verified
6	01/09/2023	24.0	Verified
7	01/10/2023	23.8	Verified
8	01/11/2023	23.8	Verified
9	01/12/2023	23.9	Verified
10	01/13/2023	23.9	Verified
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